GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2215
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PROTECTION OF INTEREST OF DEPOSITORS ACT
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India issued directions to the State Governments and Union Territoriesto enact legislation on the lines of Tamil Nadu Protection of interest of Depositors` Act;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued to the States and the Union Territories by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(c) to what extent these States have agreed to enact legislation in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a)&(b):- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported they have, in January, 1998, advised the State Governments/Union Territories to enact a legislation to protect the interest of depositors from unscrupulous unincorporated bodies on the lines of Tamil Nadu Protection of Interests of depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act, 1977.

(c):- RBI have reported that so far three States, namely, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Assam apartfrom Tamil Nadu have enacted the Depositors` Protection Acts. The States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh and Nationa Capital Territory of Delhi have initiated action for enactment of such an Act and the same are under various stages of finalisation.